

(2) Constitution of an Advisory Committee consisting of persons representing various public bodies in Mysore to advise the administration on various matters connected with the provision of better railway convenience to the public.

(3) Taking over the traffic control and working of the Narrow Gauge Joint Stations at Bangalore and Bowringpet, for obviate inconveniences experienced by the public.

(4) Sanctioning the schemes of re-railing the Birur-Shimoga and the Mysore-Nanjangud Sections at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,99,842 and Rs. 4,98,158 respectively.

(5) Issuing return tickets for Inter-class and revising the rates for parcels and luggage.

(6) The opening of Tarikere-Narasimharajapura tramway for through booking of goods traffic and the tentative establishment of a coal campaign to attain economy in expenditure.

(7) The additional installation of up-to-date machinery to facilitate quick out-turn, and

(8) The entertainment of three Loco Probationers.

Conclusion.—Government note with satisfaction that there have been practically no complaints from the public notwithstanding the exceptionally heavy traffic during the year. The earnings from Railways have increased from Rs. 30.04 lakhs in 1921-22 to Rs. 38.45 lakhs in the year under report, while the working expenses have gone down from 84.07 per cent in 1921-22 to 59.70 per cent in 1928-29. It is hoped that the working expenses will be reduced still further during the coming year.

Government are pleased to observe that the administration of the Department has continued to be satisfactory.

R. RANGA RAO,

General Secretary to Government.

Review of the Administration Report of the Krishnarajasagara and Allied Works.

READ—

Letter No. 2326—K. S. S., dated the 15th November 1929, from the Chief Engineer, Krishnarajasagara Works, forwarding the Administration Report of the Krishnarajasagara and Allied Works, for the year 1928-29.

ORDER No. G. 8676-87—G. M. 91-29-3, DATED 25TH JANUARY 1930.

Recorded.

Rajasevasakta K. R. Seshachar continued to be in the administrative charge of the operations during the year under report.

Important measures.—Owing to the breaches caused by the unprecedented floods of 1924 in the Cauvery Dam and other control works at the Upper anicut in the Madras Presidency, a dispute arose between the Governments of Madras and Mysore in regard to the interpretation of clauses 7 and 8 of the agreement of 1924 in the matter of fixing the limit of the discharges due to Madras. This dispute was first referred to a Board of Arbitration constituted with the consent of both the Governments and was finally brought to a settlement by compromise through the good offices of the Arbitrator, the Honorable Mr. Justice A. Page. Opportunity was also taken at the same time to settle a number of other questions which were under correspondence.

Estimates for the Krishnarajasagara Dam Works which were in operation since 1911 were finally closed and a fresh estimate for Rs. 32.47 lakhs was sanctioned during the year for the works still remaining to be carried out. Works connected with the formation of the Yedatore new town were nearly completed. The main portion of the lay out of roads and water-supply arrangements are almost ready, and it is reported that the people are slowly beginning to shift to the new town.

The Irwin Canal Works which were commenced during the previous year made appreciable progress. Nearly 80 per cent of the excavation work in the first section has been completed; masonry work is proceeding briskly and it is expected that before the end of the current official year, all important works in this section will be completed. In the second section, the tunnel has already been excavated to a length of 4,000 feet out of a total of 9,133 feet and together with the masonry lining, it is expected to be ready for service early in 1931, and will irrigate about 30,000 acres. Government are glad to note that the execution of the tunnel works by Departmental agency has resulted in appreciable savings in expenditure.

work in the third section intended to serve about 27,000 acres butory has also progressed satisfactorily. Some of the other ration in this section are the preparation of detailed projects for irrigation under the Cauvery, the adoption of the method of biennial rotation of crops and the development of sugar-cane by the Irwin Canal. Government have recently view to determine the most profitable system of on. An estimate amounting to Rs. 40,500 has been the Mandya Town as it will become an important centre possibly the Head Quarters of a separate District later on. The recent compromise with the Madras Government already the construction of a reservoir across the Kabbini for the development of additional extent of 110,000 acres in the Cauvery valley permissible irrigat. Agreement of 1924, is being further examined.

under the main a outlay.—The total grant for the Krishnarajasagara and allied works Grant and Rs. 49,22,924 and the actual outlay Rs. 45,63,756 against under all be and Rs. 35,47,830 respectively during the previous year. The outlay Rs. 36,64 Canal Works alone amounted to Rs. 39,76,107.

on the Ir construction.—The grant and the expenditure under the Krishnarajasagara Dam Constr Rs. 3,13,928 and Rs. 2,24,360 respectively. The storage of water in the s were was about 25,000 m.c. ft., of which only about 10,297 m.c. ft., was utilised supply and irrigation.

out other major original works were in operation during the year at a total of pro 50,936 of which three were completed and the rest are in various stages

of Ir of irrigation cess works.—The actual outlay on the maintenance and special repairs the other river channels in the Cauvery Valley was Rs. 75,013 against the grant of Rs. 77,735.

The expenditure on the maintenance of the low level canals, Hemagere and Mandagere Channel extensions and Chamaraj Right Bank low level channel, was separated from the irrigation cess fund and charged to Krishnarajasagara Works during the year.

Progress of cultivation.—For reasons mentioned in paragraph 8 of the last year's review, the increase of irrigation under the existing channels above the Krishnarajasagara Reservoir has been very small. The Chief Engineer is requested to expedite his proposals on the question of restricting further increase of irrigation under the channels referred to above. Arrangements for securing an additional extent of about 1,600 acres for irrigation due to extensions under the existing channels below the Reservoir have been completed during the year. It is reported that proposals for further extension of cultivation to the extent of about 3,000 acres are almost ready.

Accidents.—There were two accidents with three deaths during the year. The first was due to the falling in of a mound of earth on a workman in the Katteri aqueduct and the second was due to blasting operations at Hulikere, causing the death of two people.

General.—The floods of 1929 were above normal, the highest water level being 116'96 feet.

Government note with satisfaction that under the able guidance of Mr. K. R. Seshachar, the staff, both clerical and executive, worked with commendable zeal and enthusiasm.

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